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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: VOTER REGISTRATION TO BEGIN JUNE 26

1. A.G.'S ASSISTANT, JOHN VIAL, TOLD US TODAY, JUNE 20, THAT A NEW A.G. PROCLAMATION WOULD BE ISSUED SOON AUTHORIZING INITIATION OF THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS ON JUNE 26. SABC REPORTED LAST NIGHT THAT THE A.G. WOULD ANNOUNCE THE BEGINNING OF REGISTRATION BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH. ACCORDING TO OUR WINDHOEK SOURCES, ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SPECIFIC DATE IS EXPECTED TODAY.

2. BRYAN O'LINN OF THE NNF TELLS US THAT A MAGISTRATE DE KOCK, WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF PREPARING REGISTRATION  
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REGULATIONS, INFORMED HIM THAT THE PROCESS WOULD RUN FROM JUNE 26 TO THE END OF SEPTEMBER. DE KOCK ALSO OBSERVED THAT GIVEN THIS TIME SCHEDULE, INDEPENDENCE BY THE END OF THE YEAR WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.

3. THE NNF HAD EARLIER ISSUED A PUBLIC STATEMENT CRITICIZING THE A.G.'S PROCLAMATION ON REGISTRATION

AS PREMATURE AND UNNECESSARILY COMPLICATING THE  
INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATING PROCESS. AKTUR HAS  
CRITICIZED THE REGULATIONS FOR DENYING THE FRANCHISE  
TO THOSE WHO HAD LIVED IN THE TERRITORY FOR LESS THAN  
FOUR YEARS.  
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